

A BANKER SHOOTS HIMSELF

J. A. Mays of Elk City Suicided While Under Arrest

DALLAS, TEX.: J. A. Mays, president of the Elk City National bank of Elk City, Okla., shot himself in the brain in the Dallas county jail.

Mays was arrested at Greenville, Tex., several days ago by United States officers, on a charge of having made away with large sums of money belonging to the bank. He was brought to Dallas and United States Commissioner Fink held him in \$5,000 bonds, which he was unable to furnish. Deputy United States Marshal Warden had arranged to take Mays back to Elk City the night the banker killed himself. The officer and his prisoner were in the office of the jail, awaiting the arrival of the train that was to carry them to Oklahoma. Friends of Mays had left a valise with clothing in it at the jail for him. Mays asked to be permitted to get some linen from the grip. The valise was unlocked and he inserted his hand and forearm into it. Instead of taking out linen Mays quickly drew forth a revolver, and before anyone knew what was happening he fired a bullet into his head.

Mays was forty years old and had a family at Elk City, and the body will probably be shipped to that place for burial.

Mays was arrested at Fort Worth a few days ago at the instance of the American National bank of Oklahoma City on a charge of having defrauded that institution out of \$3,500. He was taken there and gave bond to appear for trial. While he was in Dallas on his way to Oklahoma City to enter appearance he was arrested on a criminal charge, that of forgery and making false entries in the affairs of the bank of which he was president, and which had failed. In default of bond in the latter charge he was compelled to wait in Dallas for the arrival of an officer from Oklahoma. The latter arrest was made on a warrant secured by United States Attorney Speed of Guthrie.

SHOT HIS BABY BROTHER

Five-Year-Old Boy Finds a Loaded Revolver and Used It for a Plaything

OKLAHOMA CITY: While Mr. and Mrs. Rudkin, near Britton, were absent from their home their five-year-old son went into the house, and while going through a dresser drawer found a loaded revolver. The boy took the weapon into the yard where his two-year-old brother, Ray, was playing. He pressed the barrel of weapon against the younger child's stomach. There was a loud report, and the next instant blood began to pour from a gaping wound. The injured child was brought here as quickly as possible and placed in the St. Anthony hospital. Drs. Ryan and Jolly performed a surgical operation and removed the bullet, but the child grew steadily worse until released from suffering by death.

In speaking of the accident, Mr. Rudkin stated that he had forgotten the revolver was in the house, and did not know it was loaded.

Revenues from Cattle Tax

MUSKOGEE: The revenues from the enforcement of the cattle tax law in the Choctaw nation are pouring into the Indian agency in large quantities. It is impossible to realize how much the Choctaw nation will realize from this law during the two years before the tribal relations are dissolved, but it is safe to state that this will prove one of the largest sources of revenue that will go to the tribal fund.

For a number of years the Chickasaw nation has collected a tax of twenty-five cents a head for all cattle introduced by non-citizens, but until recently the Choctaws have received no benefit whatever from the cattle owners. Now, however, a tax of twenty cents a head will be collected so long as the tribal laws exist.

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